

LITTLE LEAGUES IN FULL SWING HERE; JOHN SIMPSON STRIKES OUT 17 HITTERS

Little League play in the Torrance area now is in full swing with the Torrance National and American Leagues and the North Torrance League opening this past week end, while the Pacific Coast Little League launched its season two weeks ago.

A double-header opened North Torrance's schedule on Sunday, as the Bruins topped the Trojans, 13-2, and the Indians downed the Bears, 8-3.

Catcher Jerry Stevenson swatted a grand slam home run to lead the Bruins to their win over the Trojans. Denny Hogue picked up the win for the Bruins, on the mound.

In the second game, Nick Hanlon twirled a neat three-hitter for the Indians. He struck out 18 opposing batters and issued only three walks.

Another double-header marked the opening, Sunday, of the two Torrance loops—American and National.

The Cubs downed the Yankees in the first game, 3-0, behind the superb pitching of Johnny Simpson. The youngster struck out 17 of 19 batters to face him in the six-inning game and was touched for only one hit.

Simpson Hits, Too
Jack Tarney, Yanks' pitcher, got the only hit off Simpson. The winners got four hits, with Simpson getting two of them.

In the night-cap, the Giants downed the Tigers, 9-1.

Playing each week night from now on, with double-headers on Saturday and Sunday, the two local leagues will be going ahead at full steam until late summer. Monday night, the Pirates and Dodgers tangled in an American League game, with the Buccos nabbing the win. On Tuesday, the Braves topped the Cardinals, 4-2, in a close National League tilt.

At Plaza del Amo
All Torrance National and American League games are played at the new park, on Plaza del Amo, between Cabrillo and Western. Admission is free.

The new Pacific Coast Little League opened week end before last at Kissel Field, in the Ellinwood District.

The league has major and minor league teams and has adopted a busy schedule.

Single games are set for every week night, with a triple-header on Saturday and a double-header on Sunday.

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SLIDING IN . . . Dave McVey, member of the North Torrance Little League Bears, grinds into home plate in recent game. Indians' pitcher, Gary Snively puts the tag on McVey, but youngsters had to wait for the decision on play. Where's the umpire?

In an early-season major league tilt, the Padres dropped the Stars, 4-3. In minor league play, the Oaks were trampled last week by the Solons, to the tune of 19-6.

LABOR FORCE
About 72 per cent of the nation's labor force worked on farms in 1920, but the number had diminished to only about 12 per cent in the census of 1950.

EL CAMINO TEAMS WIN LOOP TITLE

El Camino College, for the first time in Metropolitan Conference history, has been designated winner of the Carl White Iron Man trophy for the 1954-55 athletic season.

Metropolitan Conference officials made the announcement this week, following tabulation of each school's point totals in all athletic competition during the school year.

The Iron Man trophy is emblematic of sports excellence

during the athletic season and is in honor of Carl White, sports editor of a Santa Monica newspaper. According to league officials, White has contributed immeasurably to Metro Loop athletics.

The Warrior athletic teams garnered 53 1-6 points in qualifying for the trophy. El Camino teams won championships in football, baseball, water polo, swimming dual meets and tied for the golf dual match title.

Points picked up in the gymnastics meet, swim finals, league golf match and tennis competition also added to Camino's total.

Long Beach City College finished second with 51 1-6.

Other Metropolitan Conference schools and their total points, LA Valley JC, 49 1-6; Santa Monica, 46½; East LA JC, 34; Bakersfield, 28; San Diego, 19½; and LA Harbor JC, 18½.

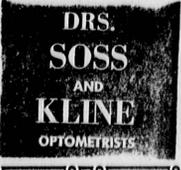
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